

Amendments to the Claims

1. (original) A broadhead comprising:
a ferrule for mounting on an arrowshaft, said ferrule having a locking portion;
at least two blades mounted on said ferrule, said at least two blades being coupled to said ferrule in their center portions by notches formed therein that mate with said locking portion of said ferrule; and
a locking nut mounted on a rear portion of said ferrule that holds said at least two blades in place on said ferrule when said locking nut is tightened.
2. (original) The broadhead of claim 1, wherein said at least two blades have opposing forward portions that are beveled for abutting each other upon assembly.
3. (original) The broadhead of claim 1, wherein said ferrule has a plurality of slots, such that said at least two blades fit into a respective one of said slots.
4. (original) The broadhead of claim 1, wherein said at least two blades have opposing forward portions that are separated by a clearance that allows tips of said at least two blades to touch each other upon assembly.
5. (original) The broadhead of claim 1, wherein said ferrule has a flange forward of said locking nut.
6. (original) The broadhead of claim 1, wherein said locking nut has a plurality of flat surfaces.
7. (original) The broadhead of claim 1, wherein said blades have a self-lubricating coating.
8. (original) The broadhead of claim 1, wherein said ferrule has a self-lubricating coating.

9. (canceled)
10. (previously presented) A broadhead comprising:
a ferrule having a locking position;
at least two blades coupled to said ferrule with notches formed in the blade that mate with said locking portion; and
a locking nut on a rear portion of said ferrule that holds said at least two blades in place on said ferrule,
wherein said at least two blades have opposing forward portions that are beveled for abutting each other upon assembly.
11. (previously presented) The broadhead of claims 10, wherein said ferrule has a plurality slots, such that said at least two blades fit into a respective one of said slots.
12. (previously presented) A broadhead comprising:
a ferrule having a locking position;
at least two blades coupled to said ferrule with notches formed in the blade that mate with said locking portion; and
a locking nut on a rear portion of said ferrule that holds said at least two blades in place on said ferrule,
wherein said at least two blades have opposing forward portions that are separated by a clearance that allows tips of said at least two blades to touch each other upon assembly.
13. (previously presented) A broadhead comprising:
a ferrule having a locking position;
at least two blades coupled to said ferrule with notches formed in the blade that mate with said locking portion; and

a locking nut on a rear portion of said ferrule that holds said at least two blades in place on said ferrule,

wherein said ferrule has a flange forward of said locking nut.

14. (currently amended) A broadhead comprising:

a ferrule having a locking position;

at least two blades coupled to said ferrule with notches formed in the blade that mate with said locking portion, each blade having a cutting tip; and

a locking nut on a rear portion of said ferrule that holds said at least two blades in place on said ferrule,

wherein said locking nut has a plurality of flat surfaces, and

wherein said locking nut has an internal surface angled to force said at least two blades together at said cutting tips.

15. (currently amended) A broadhead comprising:

a ferrule having a locking position;

at least two blades coupled to said ferrule with notches formed in the blade that mate with said locking portion, each blade having a cutting tip; and

a locking nut on a rear portion of said ferrule that holds said at least two blades in place on said ferrule,

wherein said blades have a self-lubricating coating, and

wherein said locking nut has an internal surface angled to force said at least two blades together at said cutting tips.

16. (currently amended) A broadhead comprising:

a ferrule having a locking portion;

at least two blades coupled to said ferrule with notches formed in the blade that mate with said locking portion, each blade having a cutting tip; and

a locking nut on a rear portion of said ferrule that holds said at least two blades in place on said ferrule,

wherein said ferrule has a self-lubricating coating, and

wherein said locking nut has an internal surface angled to force said at least two blades together at said cutting tips.

17. (new) A broadhead comprising:
a ferrule having a locking position;
at least two blades coupled to said ferrule with notches formed in the blade that mate with said locking portion, each blade having a cutting tip; and
a locking nut on a rear portion of said ferrule that holds said at least two blades in place on said ferrule,
wherein said locking nut has an internal surface angled to force said at least two blades together at said cutting tips.

18. (new) The broadhead of claim 17, wherein said at least two blades have opposing forward portions that are beveled for abutting each other upon assembly.

19. (new) The broadhead of claim 17, wherein said ferrule has a plurality of slots, such that said at least two blades fit into a respective one of said slots.

20. (new) The broadhead of claim 17, wherein said at least two blades have opposing forward portions that are separated by a clearance that allows said cutting tips to touch each other upon assembly.

21. (new) The broadhead of claim 17, wherein said ferrule has a flange forward of said locking nut.

22. (new) The broadhead of claim 17, wherein said locking nut has a plurality of flat surfaces.

23. (new) The broadhead of claim 17, wherein said blades have a self-lubricating coating.

24. (new) The broadhead of claim 17, wherein said ferrule has a self-lubricating coating.